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Dear Jim,

Although you'll probably be phoning me after your Williams meeting I think I'd best put this in writing.

Haile did not phone me yesterday. It is possible that he did try. I kept the phone as free as I could but Lil called me about 3:45 to pick her up because she had a headache and after I returned home there were a series of calls.

However, there were no calls from the time of your's until I went for Lil and except for a few minutes the phone was free from suppertime on.

Two of the calls may interest you. You'll remember my letter to Jan Scudder. We had a long talk when she called, close to an hour. Her former/late Husband's files are with his mother in Waco and she'll get them and bring them here. He was a Time-Life Stringer when he left Hodding Carter in 1965 (perhaps 1964). Also free-lance.

Larry Stern also phoned me about the "Hunt" in the tramp pictures. He didn't have time for a long talk and said he'd call me back. I told him I'm certain it isn't Hunt but that I haven't seen the pix for a while. Plus background on them. He said he'd call back when he has more time.

The real purpose will have to await the departure of a couple of buff's who just pulled in. They started writing me when they were in the service.

I think we should begin analyzing the Haile call to you. This will be my reminder when I can remake. Two alternatives: for real and not for real. If not, then his purpose was to slow us down, to keep us from making full preparation. To the end that this not succeed, I think we should select an order of priorities and work forst on what can be used in the trial but that we should not be lulled and not continue as though he had not called and not suggested he might withdraw. I do think we blew his mind but he is as corrupt as the most evil man I have ever met and we'd make a mistake to act on his word.

Frankly, I'm not even certain they'll not at some point drop a trial and turn Jimmy loose, beginning with offers that must be rejected.

My reason for the elaboration of the bullet fragments was to signal to him. As you realize I did not say the most significant, but it he has handled any number of gunshot cases he read me very, very clearly. And he has read F-U. My reasons for needling Haynes included more than just telling him over and over and over that he is a miserable Tom kissing the white man's ass and doing his dirty work to get ahead. It was, as you once made clear, to let him know what faces all the Memphis whores as well as him, Haile and that office. They were probably unaware of it but throughout while keeping them both as angry as I was I was paywarring both. You caught it in Carlisle's office.

They are not hard to read. You see now why I asked you to go to Carlisle's office and pick up the copies. Haile had a 6th circuit source and expected a decision, so I wanted all possible copies in our physical possession. But while they are not hard to read they are also devious men. This is where the problem comes in and we should look ahead.